

Parish Post

The Weekly Newsletter, Friday 16th March 2018

Parents' Forum

The next Parents' Forum is on Thursday 22nd March at 9.30 am and to make the most of the half hour available we are now asking parents to email their questions in advance to Mrs Davis. She will then pull these questions together and group them, thus making the meeting more efficient. She would like to hear from parents about what works well and what not so well. Please email or write your questions to the school office at info@reigate-parish.surrey.sch.uk
Thank you.

Car Park

We have noticed this week that parents are still parking on the tarmac outside the junior hall. We have now placed cones on this area to show that this it is not to be used for parking.

In addition, you will see that from 8.30 am one of the school gates is now closed. This is to act as a reminder that parents should not be coming onto the school site after 8.30 am and to help slow down any other vehicles which do come into the car park. A member of staff will regularly be policing the car park and will be turning away anyone who does not have a valid reason for coming onto the school site.

World Book Day £1 Vouchers

These are going home today, ahead of our postponed world book day celebrations to be held on 21st March. We hope you enjoy going to the book shop and finding a book. Please note the expiry date is different from the token and has been extended to 31st March due to snow! However, Waterstones in Redhill will happily accept vouchers until 16th April.

No child on their own in our playground before school

We have noticed some KS2 parents dropping their child off in the playground before 8.45pm. You must be aware that your child is your responsibility until they come into school from 8.45am. If your child is in the playground without you then you should have made arrangements with another parent to take responsibility for your child until they come into school. Remember dropping your child off into the Breakfast Club from 8,30pm is only £2.

New Key Stage 1 home readers

Teachers this week have stamped, stickered, sorted and put away 200 new home readers of all colours. This comes on top of another 200 new home readers (forming a variety of colours) that were put out in the autumn term. All books have been paid for by the PTA.

Parents evening Monday 26th March & Wednesday 28th March

As you know, the Tucasi online system is now open for you to book your parents' evening appointment. If you have already registered and pay your dinner money and/or trips online then you will be able to book your appointment. If you have not already registered for the online payments system then you will have received a letter for you to do so.

Please follow these instructions to book your appointment online. Thank you.

<http://www.tucasihelp.com/documents/2.4SCOQuickReferenceGuideParentsEveningBookingSystemParent.pdf>

The Climate Garden

Calling all keen gardeners, parents, grandparents and people with green fingers!

We are putting forward an application to the Surrey Garden Trust, with a hope to being awarded a gardening grant. This will enable us to create a "Climate Garden", which will support the children's curriculum. The site location is the strip of land between the Muga field and the playground.

We are looking for a team of willing volunteers to help clear the site and help with planting. If you'd like to be involved and can spare some time, please contact Rachel Course (Honeybees) via email rachelcourse@btinternet.com

Teacher Clubs – Summer Term

You have received a list of clubs for the summer term. **The teacher-run clubs are in red.**

Please remember: the closing date for applications for teacher clubs is today, Friday 16th March 2018. We cannot guarantee that any forms received after today will be allocated a place at your desired club.

Next week, beginning 19th March 2018, will be the last week of spring term clubs.

Infant and Junior Sports Days

We have now arranged the Infant and Junior sports days for the summer term.

They will be:

- Juniors - Wednesday 27th June 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm at Reigate St Mary's Prep & Choir School – details to follow. The children will have their normal school lunch earlier this day.
- Juniors **Reserve** date: Wednesday 4th July 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm
- Infants – Thursday 28th June 9.00 am – 11.45 am followed by a picnic lunch on the playground with their parents. Parents to provide lunch for themselves and their child.
- Infants **Reserve** date: Thursday 5th July 9.00 am – 11.45 am

World Book Day

World Book Day – Wednesday 21st March 2018 – for the children

Children are invited to celebrate reading and our school world book day by coming to school dressed as their favourite character where they will meet staff dressed as their favourite book character. If children have a book with their character in, then please bring it (named) into school.

On the day the children will take part in lots of different book themed activities. We are going to hold our actual Book Week the week of Monday 21st May where a book fair will be held at school.

At assembly that day our "book by book, building our library together" fundraising project will be launched to the children and they will see a very exciting video, learn a new song purposefully written and arranged for our children and will be told about our plans to fully equip our KS2 library.

Evening of Wednesday 21st March 2018, 7pm, in the Junior Hall – for parents

A date to put into your diary:

Every parent is invited to attend an evening curriculum presentation on guided reading, where you will hear more about how we teach reading, how we plan for the daily guided reading sessions and take home the recommended books for your child to read.

At this event you will also hear about our library fundraising project titled "book by book, building our library together". You too will see the video for our school from a well-known children's author, hear our wonderful new song and learn about some of the amazing experiences and events coming up in this year-long library fundraising project.

Cash/Cheque Payments into School

The system we have been using for the PTA, to have all of their envelopes placed into the white box, has proved very successful and helped us become more efficient. We should therefore like to extend this system to include all letters and payments for school generally, such as clubs, trips and dinner money. Please can you therefore ensure that all payments are placed in a secure envelope, clearly marked on the outside with what it is in regard to, and put in the white box in the school foyer. This box will then be emptied on a regular basis.

Planning a party? Wanting a bigger space for that special event?

You can hire the school's junior or infant hall and outdoor space. Very good competitive rates. Please contact the school business manager, Mrs Lis Bowen, on admin@reigate-parish.surrey.sch.uk for more details.

GOVERNORS' NEWS:

The Full Governing Body met last night for their termly meeting. They spent time looking at the Christian distinctiveness of Reigate Parish and were reassured to hear of many different activities, the quality of the teaching and learning and how this has had a very positive impact on the culture of the school, supporting the vision and values the school upholds. Governors received a comprehensive Head Teacher's report on the academic standards and were pleased to see how the pupils are progressing well and how teachers are supporting pupils to meet their end-of-year targets. Governors also looked at their own role within the governance of the school and considered their priorities for the next year to ensure the school maintains its outstanding status and high-quality teaching staff.

PTA NEWS:

UNIFORM SALE

There is a second-hand uniform sale after school **today** in the playground. An excellent chance to stock up on summer uniform for those balmy days which surely can't be far away now...?

MOTHER'S DAY GIFTS

The inaugural Mother's Day Gift sale was a great success, and raised nearly £150 for the PTA. Thank you to everyone who purchased one, and we hope that they were well received on Sunday!

CAKE SALE

Well done to all the Year 2 parents who provided and sold cakes after school last Friday. £170 was raised which is a fantastic amount!

Diary Dates 2017/2018 – new information in red

SPRING TERM 2018	
Monday 19 th March	Year 2 Indian Dance Workshop
Wednesday 21 st March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Book Day re-arranged date: children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character 7.00 pm evening curriculum presentation on guided reading and launch of library project in junior hall
Thursday 22 nd March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.30 pm Parents' Forum Year 2 Multi Skills at St Bede's School for selected children
Friday 23 rd March	3.20 pm Cake Sale – Year 3
Monday 26 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 1 Easter Service practice in the afternoon - parent helpers needed 4.30 pm – 8.00 pm Parents' Evening
Tuesday 27 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.00 am Prayer Group in staffroom – all welcome 2.15 pm End-of-term service at St Mary's Church – parent helpers needed
Wednesday 28 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Years 3 and 4 girls' football tournament, Furzefield School 3.30 pm – 6.30 pm Parents' Evening
Thursday 29 th March	Term ends: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key Stage 1 at 1.15 pm Key Stage 2 at 1.30 pm

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SUMMER TERM 2018	
Monday 16 th April	Term starts at 8.55 am
Wednesday 18 th April	7.00 pm Year 3 presentation in junior hall for current Year 2 parents from any school
Friday 20 th April	Year 4 cake sale after school
Monday 23 rd April	Year 3 swimming starts
Tuesday 24 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.00 am Prayer Group in staffroom Year 4 selected children start swimming
Friday 4 th May	Years 3 and 4 movie night
Monday 7 th May	May Day Bank Holiday – school closed
Tuesday 8 th May	8.00 pm PTA meeting in junior hall
Wednesday 9 th May	9.00 am – Parents' Forum in staffroom
Friday 11 th May	Reception cake sale after school
Tuesday 15 th May	Year 3 DT day with Wray Common
Friday 25 th May	INSET day – school closed
Monday 28 th May – Friday 1 st June	Half term

Tuesday 12 th June	12 Year 2 children attend multi-skills event at St Bede's School
Wednesday 13 th June	Fraser Portraits – class photos
Thursday 14 th June	Year 3 Class Act performance
Friday 22 nd June	Ice cream Friday – Year 1
Tuesday 26 th June	9.00 am Prayer group in staffroom
Wednesday 27 th June	1.00 pm – 3.00 pm Junior sports afternoon at Reigate St Mary's
Thursday 28 th June	9.00 am – 11.45 am Infant sports morning
Friday 29 th June	INSET day – school closed
Monday 2 nd July	2.30pm Parents' Forum
Wednesday 4 th July	1.00 pm – 3.00 pm Junior Reserve sports afternoon
Thursday 5 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9.00 am – 11.45 am Infant Reserve sports morning • Years 3 and 4 Summer Conert
Friday 6 th July	Ice cream Friday Year 2
Friday 13 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ice cream Friday Year 3 • PTA Summer Discos
Tuesday 17 th July	9.00 am Prayer Group in staffroom
Friday 20 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ice cream Friday Year 4 • Term ends at 1.15 pm for infants and 1.30 pm for juniors

INSET Days 2018:

- Friday 25th May 2018
- Friday 29th June 2018

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